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Amendments To The Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A container package assembly comprising:

a first support member and a second support member, each of the first support member and second support member having a front side, a back side, a right side and a left side, the first support member and the second support member being arranged along a common plane wherein one of the sides of the first support member is held immediately adjacent to one of the sides of the second support member by at least one adhesive,

the first support member further comprises at least one wall, the at least one wall having a wall length and a wall height, the at least one wall being substantially perpendicular to a support surface of the first support member, the at least one wall defining at least a portion of at least one of the front side, back side, right side and left side of the first support member,

the second support member further comprises at least one wall, the at least one wall having a wall length and a wall height, the at least one wall being substantially perpendicular to a support surface of the second support member, the at least one wall defining at least a portion of at least one of the front side, back side, right side and left side of the second support member, the support surface of the first support member and the support surface of the second support member defining a total support area;

a plurality of containers, the plurality of containers positioned on the support surface of the first support member and the second support member;

a top pad, the top pad positioned on top of the containers, the top pad extending over at least a portion of each of the containers, the top pad having a pad surface oriented substantially parallel to the support surface of the first support member, the pad surface having an area that is less than the total support area; and

a film;

the support members, the plurality of containers and the top pad comprising an assembly, the assembly at least partially encapsulated by the film.

2. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the wall height of at least a portion of the at least one wall of the first support member and second support member tapers from a first height to a second height, wherein the second height is less than the first height.

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3. (Original) The assembly of claim 2 wherein the wall height of the at least a portion of the at least one wall of the first support member and the second support member defines a substantially arcuate taper from the first height to the second height.
4. (Original) The assembly of claim 2 wherein the wall height of the at least a portion of the at least one wall of the first support member and the second support member defines a substantially linear taper from the first height to the second height.
5. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the right side of the first support member is immediately adjacent to the left side of the second support member.
6. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the right side of the first support member is immediately adjacent to the right side of the second support member.
7. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the front side of the first support member is immediately adjacent to the front side of the second support member.
8. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the front side of the first support member is immediately adjacent to the back side of the second support member.
9. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the back side of the first support member is immediately adjacent to the back side of the second support member.
10. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the right side of the first support member comprises a right wall and the left side of the first support member comprises a left wall.
11. (Original) The assembly of claim 10 wherein the wall height of at least a portion of the right wall and the left wall tapers from a first height to a second height, wherein the second height is less than the first height.
12. (Original) The assembly of claim 10 wherein the front side of the first support member comprises a front wall.
13. (Original) The assembly of claim 11 wherein the front side of the first support member comprises a front wall, the wall height of the front wall being less than about the first height.
14. (Original) The assembly of claim 13 wherein the wall height of the front wall is less than about the second height.
15. (Original) The assembly of claim 10 wherein the back side of the first support member comprises a back wall.
16. (Original) The assembly of claim 13 wherein the back side of the first support member

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comprises a back wall, the wall height of the back wall being at least as high as the wall height of the front wall.

17. (Original) The assembly of claim 10 wherein the right side of the second support member comprises a right wall and the left side of the second support member comprises a left wall.

18. (Original) The assembly of claim 17 wherein the wall height of at least a portion of the right wall and the left wall of the second support member tapers from a first height to a second height, wherein the second height is less than the first height.

19. (Original) The assembly of claim 17 wherein the front side of the second support member comprises a front wall.

20. (Original) The assembly of claim 18 wherein the front side of the second support member comprises a front wall, the wall height of the front wall being less than about the first height.

21. (Original) The assembly of claim 20 wherein the wall height of the front wall of the second support member is less than about the second height.

22. (Original) The assembly of claim 17 wherein the back side of the second support member comprises a back wall.

23. (Original) The assembly of claim 19 wherein the back side of the second support member comprises a back wall, the wall height of the back wall of the second support member being at least as high as the wall height of the front wall of the second support member.

24. (Currently Amended) A container package assembly comprising:

a first support member and a second support member, each of the first support member and second support member having a front side, a back side, a right side and a left side, the first support member and the second support member being arranged along a common plane wherein one of the sides of the first support member is immediately adjacent to one of the sides of the second support member,

the first support member further comprises at least one wall, the at least one wall having a wall length and a wall height, the at least one wall being substantially perpendicular to a support surface of the first support member, the at least one wall defining at least a portion of at least one of the front side, back side, right side and left side of the first support member, the wall height of the front side being less than the wall height of the back side;

the second support member further comprises at least one wall, the at least

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one wall having a wall length and a wall height, the at least one wall being substantially perpendicular to a support surface of the second support member, the at least one wall defining at least a portion of at least one of the front side, back side, right side and left side of the second support member, the wall height of the front side being less than the wall height of the back side;

a plurality of containers, the plurality of containers positioned on the support surface of the first support member and the second support member;

a top pad, the top pad positioned on top of the containers, the top pad extending over at least a portion of each of the containers; and

a film;

the support members, the plurality of containers and the top pad comprising an assembly, the assembly at least partially encapsulated by the film;

wherein the front side of the at least one wall of the first support member is immediately adjacent to the front side of the at least one wall of the second support member, the assembly further comprising at least one adhesive, the at least one adhesive adhesively engaging the at least one wall of the first support member to the at least one wall of the second support member.

25. (Original) The assembly of claim 24 wherein the at least one adhesive is a temporary adhesive or a permanent adhesive.

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